

## House Resolution 1051

By: Representatives Scott of the 153<sup>rd</sup> and Burkhalter of the 50<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Jerry Tipton on the occasion of his retirement; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry Tipton has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and improving the lives of at-risk  
8 youths as evidenced dramatically by his years of superlative service with the Boys & Girls  
9 Clubs organization; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Tipton began his career with Boys & Girls Clubs as a part-time staff  
11 member while he attended college; and

12 WHEREAS, after graduating Magna Cum Laude from East Tennessee State University, Mr.  
13 Tipton accepted a position at the Kingsport Tennessee Boys Club, where he eventually  
14 became executive director; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1981, Mr. Tipton relocated to the Atlanta area and was named director of  
16 operations for the Atlanta Club, where he played a vital role in merging the Atlanta Boys  
17 Club and the Atlanta Girls Club into a single organization; and

18 WHEREAS, his passion for improving and uplifting the lives of at-risk children has been  
19 recognized with numerous awards and accolades, and his excellent leadership skills and keen  
20 sense of vision have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, his reputation as an ambassador for the Boys & Girls Clubs program  
23 contributed to him earning the position of president and chief professional officer of Boys  
24 & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta in 1994; and

25 WHEREAS, under his guidance, the organization grew to 30 Clubs, serving over 17,000  
26 youth in the metropolitan Atlanta area; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
28 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body commend Mr. Jerry Tipton for his over five decades of efficient,  
31 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service on behalf of at-risk youth; congratulate him upon  
32 the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for  
33 continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Jerry Tipton.